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## HONOLULU RAIL PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING

(Fri., Feb. 11, 2011)—Mayor Peter Carlisle announced today that the City and County of Honolulu will hold a ceremonial groundbreaking and blessing for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

"This is a time to celebrate," said Mayor Carlisle. "Many people have waited so long and worked hard to finally get to this point. This project will provide thousands of jobs for our local work force, relieve traffic congestion, and pave the way for an exciting and better future for Oahu residents."

The \$5.5 billion transit project is a 20-mile elevated rail system connecting East Kapolei with Ala Moana Center. It includes 21 stations in communities including Waipahu, Pearl City, Aiea, Kalihi, Chinatown, Downtown Honolulu, and Kakaako. There will also be stations at activity centers such as UH-West Oahu, Leeward Community College, Pearl Highlands, Pearlridge, Aloha Stadium, Honolulu International Airport, and Honolulu Community College.

The groundbreaking is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m. along Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) in Kapolei, Hawaii.

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